

The Honorable Robert S. Lasnik

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

JOHN T. GOHRANSON, individually, and as  
Personal Representative of the Estate of  
Lindsay M. Kronberger,

Plaintiff,

vs.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY, a municipal  
Corporation in the State of Washington, et al.,

Defendants.

NO. C16-01124-RSL

STIPULATION AND ~~PROPOSED~~  
AGREED ORDER REGARDING  
DISCLOSURE OF DSHS RECORDS

**NOTED ON MOTION CALENDAR:  
OCTOBER 25, 2017**

**STIPULATION**

COME NOW the parties, by and through their respective counsel of record and hereby stipulate and request that the Court enter an order permitting the disclosure of Washington State Department of Social and Health Services records for use in this litigation:

1. Defendants have requested records from the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services relating to Lindsay M. Kronberger, believing that such records may

1 contain information relevant to Ms. Kronberger's health and financial condition prior to her  
2 death.

3 2. Plaintiff John Gohranson, as personal representative of the estate of Lindsay  
4 Kronberger, executed a release, allowing the Washington State Department of Social and Health  
5 Services to release Lindsay Kronberger's record for the purposes of this litigation.

6 3. The Washington State Department of Social and Health Services responded,  
7 stating that the confidentiality of some of these records is not waivable by the personal  
8 representative of a decedent's estate. Particularly, they noted that the following confidentiality  
9 laws and regulations apply: RCW 74.04.060 (contents of DSHS files related to all title 74 RCW  
10 programs), 7 C.F.R. § 272.1(c) (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), 42 C.F.R. §  
11 431.301 (Medicaid), and 45 C.F.R. § 205.50(a)(1)(i) (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families).  
12 The Washington State Department of Social and Health Services did confirm that they would  
13 release the requested records pursuant to a court order.  
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15 4. The parties now seek access to these Department of Social and Health Services  
16 records. The parties further agree to treat information released pursuant to this order as  
17 "confidential" pursuant to the terms of the previously signed Stipulated Protective Order (Dkt.  
18 52).  
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~~PROPOSED~~ ORDER

This matter having come before the Court on the Stipulation of the parties, the Court having considered the foregoing stipulation and for good cause shown, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that notwithstanding RCW 74.04.060, 7 C.F.R. § 272.1(c), 42 C.F.R. § 431.301 (Medicaid), and 45 C.F.R. § 205.50(a)(1)(i), the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services, Community Services Division shall provide all records related to Lindsay Kronberger to the parties to this proceeding. The information and records are to be treated as "confidential" pursuant to the terms of the Stipulated Protective Order (Dkt. 52) and are not to be used for any purpose other than the current civil legal proceeding.

Dated this 26<sup>th</sup> of October, 2017.



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United States District Judge

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